

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, with the following redlined paragraph:

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A pattern of composite lines is formed on the front surface 12 of the rigid sheet 11, the pattern including a plurality of vertical lines 16 running across the width of the sheet and a plurality of horizontal lines 18 running across the length of the sheet. The vertical lines 16 and the horizontal lines 18 are positioned substantially at right angles with respect to one another to thereby create a grid pattern formed of squares 20. In addition to the horizontal and vertical lines, there are angled lines 22 placed on the grid to form angles of ~~30-degree. degrees,~~ 45-degree. degrees, and ~~60-degree. degrees,~~ with either the vertical or horizontal lines. Angled lines 22 enable a user of the measuring device to orient the device at the indicated angles, so that the material can be measured, marked, or cut at an angle to a given line.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 27, with the following redlined paragraph:

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In one embodiment, the flexible sheet of material 17 is sized and shaped to completely cover only the surface of the rigid sheet of material 11 to which it is applied. This may be a single sheet or formed from a plurality of flexible sheet segments separately adhered to the rigid sheet of material 11. In another embodiment, the lines may be formed on the flexible sheet of material 17; as shown in Figure 11 and as described below, which is then applied to a blank piece of plastic of the same size.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 4, with the following redlined paragraph:

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In accordance with a method of the present invention, a large piece of the flexible sheet 17 is placed on a work surface 100, such as a cutting mat, as shown in Figure 12-11. The rigid sheet 11 is placed thereon with the side to be covered, in this case the back surface 14, in contact with the flexible sheet 17. A cutting tool 102, in this case a rotary cutter, is then used,

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guided by the rigid material, to cut the flexible material into a single sheet of flexible material 17. The sides 104 of the rigid sheet 11 are used as a guide for the blade 106 of the cutting tool 104 to ensure the flexible sheet 17 is cut to the same size as the back surface 14 of the rigid sheet 11.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 15, with the following redlined paragraph:

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In another embodiment shown in Figure 11-12, a tool 120 is shown formed of a blank sheet 122 of transparent, rigid material that is used in conjunction with a flexible sheet 17 having a grid 126 of measuring lines formed thereon. The grid 126 may be formed on the front or back sides 19,21 in the manner described above with respect to Figures 3-6 and 7-10.
